

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Garrity (Reg. # 60,470) on 9/23/2010.

Please **AMEND** the claims as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a command at a mobile station from a computing device over a local interface between the mobile station and the computing device, where the command places the mobile station into a mode in which a dial-up connection between the mobile station and the computing device is locally terminated at the mobile device without involving any cellular network;

establishing an internet protocol connection between the mobile station and the computing device comprising the mobile station assigning an internet protocol address to the computing device and an internet protocol address to the mobile station, and configuring an internet protocol stack at the mobile station, where the internet protocol stack is configured to route packets received via the dial-up connection that is locally

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terminated at the mobile station to a peer application that is resident in the mobile station; and

in response to receiving at the mobile station via the dial-up connection that is locally terminated at the mobile station an internet protocol message from the computing device, routing the internet protocol message received from the computing device to the peer application that is resident in the mobile station, where communications between the mobile station and the computing device occur over the internet protocol connection using the local interface and where the local interface is at least one of a short range infrared, universal serial bus, and Bluetooth interface, where the internet protocol message received from the computing device comprises a communication from a peer application resident in the computing device and where the peer application resident in the computing device and the peer application resident in the mobile station communicate directly with each other via the dial-up connection locally terminated at the mobile station using logical connections between an internet protocol stack at the computing device and the internet protocol stack at the mobile station.

Claim 10. (Cancelled)

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) A computer readable memory within a mobile station embodying a computer program executable by a processor to perform actions comprising:

receiving a command at a mobile station from a computing device over a local interface between the mobile station and the computing device, where the command places the mobile station into a mode in which a dial-up connection between the mobile station and the computing device is locally terminated at the mobile device without involving any cellular network;

establishing an internet protocol connection between the mobile station and the computing device comprising the mobile station assigning an internet protocol address to the computing device and an internet protocol address to the mobile station, and configuring an internet protocol stack at the mobile station, where the internet protocol stack is configured to route packets received via the dial-up connection that is locally terminated at the mobile station to a peer application that is resident in the mobile station; and

responsive to receiving at the mobile station via the dial-up connection that is locally terminated at the mobile station an internet protocol message from the computing device, routing the internet protocol message received from the computing device to a peer application that is resident in the mobile station, where communications between the mobile station and the computing device occur over the internet protocol connection using the local interface and where the local interface is at least one of a short range infrared, universal serial bus, and Bluetooth interface, where the internet protocol message received from the computing device comprises a communication from a peer application resident in the computing device and where the peer application resident in the computing device and the peer application resident in

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the mobile station communicate directly with each other via the dial-up connection that is locally terminated at the mobile station using logical connections between an internet protocol stack at the computing device and the internet protocol stack at the mobile station.

Claim 22. (Cancelled)

Claim 25. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

at least one data processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code, where the at least one memory and the computer program code are configured, with the at least one data processor, to cause the apparatus to at least:

receive a command from a computing device over a local interface between the apparatus and the computing device, where the command places the apparatus into a mode in which a dial-up connection between the apparatus and the computing device is locally terminated at the apparatus without involving any cellular network;

establish an internet protocol connection between the apparatus and the computing device comprising assigning an internet protocol address to the computing device and an internet protocol address to the apparatus, and configuring an internet protocol stack at the apparatus, where the internet protocol stack is configured to route packets received via the dial-up connection that is locally terminated at the apparatus to a peer application that is resident in a memory of the apparatus; and

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responsive to receiving at the apparatus via the dial-up connection locally terminated at the apparatus an internet protocol message from the computing device, route the internet protocol message received from the computing device to the peer application that is resident in the memory of said apparatus, where communications between the apparatus and the computing device occur over the internet protocol connection using the local interface and where the local interface is at least one of a short range infrared, universal serial bus, and Bluetooth interface, where the internet protocol message received from the computing device comprises a communication from a peer application resident in the computing device and where the peer application resident in the computing device and the peer application resident in the apparatus communicate directly with each other via the dial-up connection that is locally terminated at the mobile station using logical connections between an internet protocol stack at the computing device and the internet protocol stack at the apparatus.

Claim 32. (Cancelled)

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3,4-5,6-7,8-9,13-18,19,20,21-22,25-34,35,36,37-40 allowed. Claims 1-3,4-5,6-7,8-9,13-18,19,20,21-22,25-34,35,36,37-40 respectively are renumbered as claims 1-3,5,4,6,8,7-9,10-15,17,16,18-19,20-28,29,30,31-34 respectively.

Claims 10-12,22-24,32 are cancelled.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: "establishing an internet protocol connection between the mobile station and the computing device comprising the mobile station assigning an internet protocol address to the computing device and an internet protocol address to the mobile station, and configuring an internet protocol stack at the mobile station, where the internet protocol stack is configured to route packets received via the dial-up connection that is locally terminated at the mobile station to a peer application that is resident in the mobile station; and in response to receiving at the mobile station via the dial-up connection that is locally terminated at the mobile station an internet protocol message from the computing device, routing the internet protocol message received from the computing device to the peer application that is resident in the mobile station, where communications between the mobile station and the computing device occur over the internet protocol connection using the local interface and where the local interface is at least one of a short range infrared, universal serial bus, and Bluetooth interface, where the internet protocol message received from the computing device comprises a communication from a peer application resident in the computing device and where the peer application resident in the computing device and the peer application resident in the mobile station communicate directly with each other via the dial-up connection locally terminated at the mobile station using logical connections between an internet protocol stack at the computing device and the internet protocol stack at the mobile station."

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DHAIRYA A. PATEL whose telephone number is (571)272-5809. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on 571-272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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